

REMARKS

The purpose of this Supplemental Amendment is to clarify claim 1, reintroduce cancelled subject matter from claim 5 and to provide the correct dependency in claim 21, to wit:

Claim 1 is amended to provide antecedent basis by changing the transesterification step in two instances to the purification step, it being recalled that the purification step consists of a vacuum treatment to remove the at least one primary monoalcohol. In addition, the product from the etherification step in the seventh line from the bottom of the claim is changed from "acetal" to --ether--.

With respect to the reintroduction of the catalysts previously cancelled from claim 5, it was noted that Applicants' priority date of February 24, 2004 antedates the pertinent dates of the references. It is assumed that the Examiner realizes that the European method of providing dates is to list the day of the month first after which the month is listed. Thus, for example, French reference 2855517 has a publication date of December 3, 2004, not March 12, 2004, and since Applicants' priority date is February 24, 2004, it antedates this reference as well as similar references having later dates.

Claim 21 is amended so as to change the dependency of the claim to claim 11 instead of claim 16 since it involves the formation of an ether.

Applicants regret the inconvenience to the Examiner because of the presentation of this Supplemental Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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